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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 15, 2004, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

The examiner again rejects claims 1-3 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 102 or 103 over Queen et al (US 5,567,256) in view of Stahlecker et al (US 4,484,433), or Nomura et al (US 5,611,819), Scott (US 4,668,552) and GB 2,205,166A.

It is respectfully asserted that this ground of rejection is legally impermissible. This application is a CIP of 08/933,822 now 6,682,618. But 6,682,618 is a continuation-in-part application of Ser. No. 08/792,819 filed Jan. 30, 1997 now abandoned, which is a continuation of Ser. No. 08/516,506 filed Aug. 17, 1995 (abandoned) which is a